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4. In addition, in each hsiang there is a hsiang armed civilian company, and a village armed civilian platoon in each village. Usually these small units are under the command of the Farmers' Associations, whose armed executive personnel are section leaders. The village armed civilians are very poorly equipped with old rifles collected from obsolete civilian stocks.
5. Each hsien city has from 1,500 to 2,000 armed civilians, mainly poor farmers, rascals and vagabonds who would be completely unreliable in any emergency.

Anhui

6. The Chinese Communist division of Anhui before January 1949 into north and south persists, so that there is no provincial government but instead two separate administrations controlling between them over 70 hsien. The auxiliary forces, however, are of about the same strength and organization everywhere in Anhui, comprising armed civilians (militia) and armed police (public security troops).
7. Each hsien city has one armed civilian battalion of three companies. In one hsien this battalion has a strength of 120; if the other hsien battalions are equal, the total strength would be 8,400.
8. From 12 to 20 men per village are enrolled as armed civilians but are not normally mobilized. Since the province has 11,200 villages, the enrollment of armed civilians theoretically would be 180,000.
9. The two administrative capitals of Wuhu and Hefei have each about 600 public security troops. Some hsien cities seem to have a unit of about 90, which would make a total of 6,300 for all the hsien cities of the province. Below this level, the public security personnel, although armed, carry out normal police duties, and so should not be considered as auxiliary troops.
10. Auxiliary troops have the duties of maintaining law and order, enforcing tax collection and guarding and "cheer-leading" at political meetings. In all of these duties the armed civilians assist public security troops.
11. The armed civilians also take a leading part, as "volunteers," in any project requiring labor gangs, such as road-building and dike-mending. They also have chief responsibility for working, free of charge, fields belonging to dead soldiers. In anti-guerrilla operations in the past, they have served chiefly as "beaters" and stretcher-bearers.

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